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Mr. Warren Christopher
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 1968, concerning my previous request for access to a certain copy of the pamphlet "The Crime Against Cuba."

You wrote that "we have caused the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be re-checked and it has been determined that all copies of the pamphlet you requested have been turned over to the Archives." By letter dated August 2, Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff of the National Archives advised that "an examination of pertinent records of the Commission has failed to reveal any indication that the original Lamont pamphlet given to Special Agent John L. Quigley by Lee Harvey Oswald, a copy, or a report concerning the pamphlet was transmitted to the Commission by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. None of the original pamphlets which we received from the F.B.I. bears any identification which would indicate that it is the pamphlet given to Agent Quigley by Oswald."

Since I was interested in the specific copy of this pamphlet given to Mr. Quigley by Oswald, it seems likely that the FBI's check of its files touched on the following points:

(1) Is there an indication that this copy of the pamphlet had once been in the FBI's files (as I believe it should have been)?
(2) Is it presently in those files?
(3) If not, when and with which other documents was it given to the Warren Commission?

Your letter indicated only that the answer to (2) is negative. I would appreciate any amplification which you could provide; in particular, as complete a description as possible of the search which has already been made in my behalf.

I do not presently know whether, as I requested, the Archives has contacted your office on this matter. In any case, I am asking you to provide any information you have which would perhaps aid in locating this item to the Archives and, if possible, to me. Although such action may not be required by the Freedom of Information Act, I believe it would be consistent with the spirit of that law and with the policy of "the most complete disclosure consistent with other legitimate interests" established in the Attorney General's memorandum of April 13, 1965, concerning the public availability of material relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Unless further information is forthcoming, I will have to conclude that

either the pamphlet which Lee Harvey Oswald made available to an agent of the FBI was never placed in the FBI's files, either in New Orleans or in Washington; or, since neither the Justice Department nor the National Archives (separately or together) can locate it, it has been lost.

Even if you can provide no further information, I would appreciate a prompt reply to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Eckhoff